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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 25, 2007, finally rejecting claims 3-6, 9, 10, 12 and 13, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.